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PRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD OF 24 December - 30 December 1986

I. Status of Tasks Assigned by Senior Management:

* A. On 23 December 1986, the Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD) was tasked with the priority preparation of briefing material for the Special Assistant to the Director of Administration. The briefing is to cover the Agency's benefits and compensation package and is intended for internal use only. The final product consisting of 38 vugraphs with proofs is due by 1 January 1987.

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II. Items or Events of Major Interest that have Occurred During the Preceding Week

* A. Two representatives of the Foreign Broadcast Information System (FBIS) met with representative from the Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD) on 24 December 1986, to request assistance in the development of an automated inventory control system. It was determined that, with modifications, modules from the P&PD MIS could be utilized to meet FBIS's requirements. Work was immediately begun on the modifications required. Testing and training for the new system will be performed during the upcoming week. FBIS has contacted the Office of Information Technology to set up the required disks to support the new system. Although P&PD will provide the system to FBIS, software and database maintenance tasks will be the responsibility of FBIS.

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B. During a recent meeting hosted by the Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD) representatives from DICOMED Corporation presented informal results of recent experimental studies involving DICOMED equipment and other peripheral systems. These results were seen to have possible ramifications toward enhanced

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utilization of existing P&PD prepress systems. In response to these findings, OL/P&PD is initiating a study, in conjunction with DICOMED Corporation, to investigate specific peripheral interfaces of importance to P&PD production activities.

C. The Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD) received the first components of the new Dicomed Color Graphics COM Recorder, which arrived this week from Minneapelis, Minn. This equipment, when combined with the existing color graphics system, will allow P&PD to double its computer graphics capability. In addition, a Microvax Command Console will be installed which will allow P&PD to direct the output of both systems simultaneously and communicate with the Agency's VM mainframe.

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* E. Work on the thirteen volume Congressional Budget Justification Books (CBJB) is progressing apace in the Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD). P&PD has received 144 graphics plates for the budget books and an additional 90 color graphics and photographs are being processed on the color scanner. Preliminary work on the covers and index tabs is virtually complete, seventy five percent of the graphics have been received, and text material is being set for initial galley review at this time.

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III. Significant Events Anticipated During the Coming Week

A. The continuation of a study of the feasibility of installing pneumatic roll lifts on the Goss web press has prompted a visit by representatives from the Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD) to Missouri Industries in Washington, Missouri. The purpose of this visit is to conduct an on site observation of the device in a normal production environment. Initial indications are that a pneumatic lift will offer a faster and safer way to mount the 1,000 pound paper rolls on the press. The rolls are currently loaded manually.

IV. Management Activities and Concerns:

A. A meeting was held this week between the Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD) and the National Photographic Interpretation Center's (NPIC) printing managers to discuss the possible use of ink jet printing of bar codes in the finishing and dissemination operations. As a result of this meeting it was agreed to share all information gathered on the subject. NPIC's goal is to have a working system by June of '87.

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